

MINUTES
Underhill Conservation Commission
June 12, 2017
Underhill Town Hall

Present: Karen McKnight, Amy Golodetz, Daphne Tanis, Dan Steinbauer, Laurie Graham, Pat Lamphere, Peter Hiskes, Betsy Chapek

Absent: Nancy McRae

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Karen welcomed all and reviewed the agenda.

Public Comment: No person(s) were present for public comment.

Approval Minutes: May 8, 2017 minutes approved with changes.

Discussion:

Updates

- **Brook Signage** – Amy informed UCC members that the missing Fuller Road trail sign has been found. Karen will notify Town regarding posting the Fuller Road Crane Brook Trail sign. Betsy forwarded motion for UCC to order ‘non-State road’ brook signs. Motion approved. Route 15 Roaring Brook sign and Route 15 Creek sign on State Roads would require special permits. Amy to work with Randy and State Department of Transportation on specifications.
- **Plant Sale Debrief** – Plant Sale was a great success. The UCC made \$355.75. Betsy offered to send thank you notes to Jay Lederman (Plant Sale Announcer), Steve (Bird Friendly Maple), and Forrest Hammond (Living with Bears).

Suggestion for Next Years’ Plant Sale:

- a. Increase \$0.50 plant prices to \$1.00
 - b. Repeat same Ads for next year
 - c. Explore selling Bat Houses
 - d. Explore selling Pollinator Plants
 - e. Explore selling Blue Bird Houses
 - f. Contact Center of technology for donating plants
- **Ground Water Workshop** – John Drew attended and will get copy of education materials to UCC. Discussion followed regarding; Town Plan, ground water, Town Center Plan for Underhill Center, ‘lot- deep’ Center envelop, Unified Land-use Regulation, and maintaining Underhill’s “Rural Character”.

Short Term Projects

- **Town Hall Gardens** – Betsy and Karen discussed plans to weed Saturday, June 17th at 9:30 a.m. Karen and Betsy to keep UCC members current regarding activities for weeding and upkeep of Town gardens.
- **Tomasi Trail Easement** – Amy offered to plan/walk with Matt Chapek and Mark Green from the DRB. More information to follow as process continues to develop Easement.
- **Range Tour** - Discussion pursued about the best time of year for tour. Group agreed on planning for fall 2017. Karen to explore and will get back to UCC on updates.

Other

- **EAB Surveys** – Dan has not received any recent news from State on on-going efforts of EAB surveillance. Dan will contact EAB group and advise UCC in the future.

Adjournment: The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Underhill Town Hall

Respectfully submitted, Daphne Tanis, 6-16-17